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ONE CENT

HOME TRADE PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED IN AWARD OF SCHOOL INSURANCE CONTRACT

School Board Arranges to Place \$220,000 of Insurance With Local Agents Representing American Concerns.

NEW BUILDING READY SOON

The principles of home trade will be followed this year by the school board in the matter of insurance on their school property. Only American companies will be favored in the insurance and it will be useless for others to apply.

Insurance, with what new will be placed this year will run to \$220,000 and will be taken with local agents. The additional insurance of \$20,000 will be placed with the Charleroi Savings and Trust company realty department.

A regular meeting of the school board with all members present was held at high school building Tuesday evening. The contract for the lighting system of the new building was placed with Regan and Hermell.

An inspection of the addition to the new high school building was made by the board. Within two or three weeks more it is expected the additions will be in shape for occupancy.

The report of Treasurer R. H. Rush of the financial condition of the school district for December showed that in the general fund there were receipts of \$1,998.29 and disbursements of \$6,774.97, leaving a balance of \$22,180.02.

In the new building fund there was a balance from last report of \$13,054.48, with interest of \$18.90, bringing the total sum up to \$13,073.38. The sum of \$3,135.98 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$9,937.40.

Tax Collector J. W. Mathias reported collections amounting to \$1,559.09.

BROWNSVILLE MEN STILL LIVING AND CONDITION IS PUZZLING PHYSICIANS

Gradually improving, Andrew and Jose Nichols victims of a recent sensational shooting, are still alive in the Brownsville General hospital, despite the fact that physicians could not see how Andrew could survive the serious operation he underwent. Both brothers were much better today. Jose is able to talk freely, while Andrew is not able to move. He indicates he understands what others are talking about and recognizes his relatives when they visit the room. A probe for the bullets has not been started yet.

A euchre will be held for the benefit of St. Jerome's church in the Lyceum Thursday Jan. 18. Admission 25 cents. Nice favors. All are invited. 180-12

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*Money to loan. See Blythe, Might building. 178-45p

Belgian Refugees Reach New York



This picture shows one of the groups about to embark on the boat that transports the newly arrived from Ellis Island to Manhattan. Scores like them are seeking peace daily in America, far from their desolated land across the sea. Momentarily they have forgotten the tragedy of their own land as they contemplate the wonders of the great American city. One conspicuous and significant feature is the absence of men among these refugees.

CHARLEROI HIGH TO PLAY FIRST LEAGUE GAME AT HOME FRIDAY

McDonald High School Team to Face Locals—Hard Game Anticipated—Good Lineup

The first home game of basketball in the Washington county interscholastic league will be played by Charleroi high Friday night with the McDonald high school as an opponent. Much interest centers in the attraction. The McDonald team is third in the league standing now, with one game won and one lost. Charleroi has played just one game. It was lost to Canonsburg. Washington and Canonsburg with two each to their credit are leading the league. The Charleroi lineup Friday will be a strong one. Eagye and Fiedler will likely be seen on the forwards with Hill or Manon at center and Stahlman, Lowstuter or Manon at guards.

MEN'S NIGHT OBSERVED AT METHODIST REVIVAL SERVICES

Men's night was observed at the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening, men of the congregation attending the revival service in a body. Rev. C. A. Hartung preached on "Man's Need of a Refuge," referring to Jesus Christ as the solution of every vital living question of man, and terming him the refuge. Conversions were made. A feature of the service was a quartet selection by a male quartet consisting of W. S. James, C. E. Fisher, William Pearson and W. F. Kline. Tonight will be Sunday school night and the sermon topic will be "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth."

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LANDMARK TO GIVE WAY TO A FEDERAL BUILDING

Monessen Arranges Disposition of Old Manown Structure on Seventh Street to Make Room for Government Edifice.

The old Manown building, a seven-story brick structure built in the town will have to be demolished and make room for a civic expansion. This building stands on the site purchased by the government for a federal building, and the ground must be vacated within 60 days from December 20.

The sale of the building was made through E. M. Frye, a member of the committee, the purchaser being Arnold Bernardo, a local contractor. The consideration is \$375. Monessen people by subscribing \$10 each contributed \$2,500 to the price of the ground to secure the building. It took that amount of money to make up the amount necessary above the government's allowance for the purchase of the site and this building formed a part of that money. There is \$258 yet to be raised, but that obligation is assumed by people of the town. The government has unincumbered title to the property.

ENEIX-M'KENNA WEDDING OCCURS AT WELLSBURG

At Wellsburg, E. Va., Monday, the wedding of Miss Helen McKenna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McKenna of Donora and Charles R. Eneix, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eneix of Sixth street, took place. Rev. J. A. Allison, pastor of the Wellsburg Methodist Episcopal church performed the ceremony. The couple will take up their abode in North Charleroi. The groom is employed at the plant of the Pittsburgh Steel company. The bride is a well known young woman of Donora.

To stop a cold in headache or sick stomach, drink a hot cup of herb Tea. Tones the stomach and liver and moves the bowels. Drives out impurities. Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Henning's Drug Store.

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FURNACE READY FOR USE AFTER MANY REPAIRS

Fire Bricks Used Instead of Special Grating at Incinerating Plant

COUNCIL DISCUSSES PLANS

The Charleroi garbage furnace will be in shape for use in a day or two for the first time since last spring, when it whiffed its last whiff and gave up the ghost. Repairs have about been completed in spite of the fact that grating it was thought necessary was unobtainable indirectly because of the war. Fire brick have been used in place of the grating and have been arched suitably. New stacks have been installed and in many respects the furnace is as good as new.

Cleaning up the sheet ready to fire the newly repaired furnace Garbage Collector Harry Perry settled the rental with council at an adjourned meeting Tuesday evening, by the payment of \$170. This pays up until January 11.

All members of council but President D. R. Duvall were present at the Tuesday meeting. Considerable time was taken in a review of the plans and specifications of the new municipal building on which there is to be a start in the spring. This was done somewhat for the benefit of Councilman Charles E. Manvoglio, who lately took his office and was unfamiliar with the progress council had made with the new building idea.

HAS FOOT MANGLED IN SAWMILL NEAR ARDEN

Vernon Crumrine of Beallsville, employed at a sawmill near Arden Tuesday afternoon in slipping thrust his left foot before the saw and before he could remove it several bones were broken and crushed and the member was badly cut. He was taken to the City hospital, Washington and medical attention rendered. It is believed that it will not be necessary to amputate the foot.

CLUB OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS PARTY

A boys club of the Junior High school entertained at a sledding party Tuesday evening. The party of fourteen couples in two sleds drove to Bentleyville and upon their return went to Wagner's where a sumptuous luncheon was enjoyed. Misses Anna McClain and Mary Glunt and Roy Jakes and Earl Nicholson were the chaperons.

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SLEDDING PARTY HELD BY GIRLS OF BERRYMAN'S

The girls of J. W. Berryman and Son's department store held a sledding party Tuesday evening. There were seventeen in the crowd. The party left here early in the evening and went to Bentleyville where they enjoyed a theatre party and later a supper and party at the Hotel Allman. The return trip was made in the wee sma' hours.

COMMISSIONERS ASK \$290,000 IN BUDGET FOR THE ROAD FUND

NEGLECT TO STOP AT BRIDGE
TOLL HOUSE RATHER COSTLY

Monessen Automobile Driver Goes Past Tollkeeper, But is Brought Back—Forks Over \$15.12

That the practice of automobile drivers in speeding past the toll house of the Monessen-Charleroi bridge will not be tolerated, was evidenced Tuesday night when Roy Smallwood of Monessen was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harry W. Scott of North Charleroi and fined \$15.12, including the costs. He had been arrested by Policeman Charles Thomas of the West Side Electric Street Railways company. It is alleged that he was guilty of driving past the toll house without bothering to stop to inquire about the toll. The bridge company is out with a statement that the toll charges will be enforced and that automobile drivers must stop going in both directions.

ABILITY TO ROLL SAVES HIS LIFE

William McElldowney Escapes Mad Bull Only By Unusual Effort

DODGES BEHIND LARGE TREE

Ability to roll faster than a bull could pursue saved William McElldowney, aged 55, a prominent farmer of Centerville borough, from serious injury Sunday morning. He had to do considerable dodging later, but the lead he got while rolling really was the reason for his escape. He was leading the bull, the head of a prize herd, to water when he slipped on some ice and fell. The animal charged and when it first struck Mr. McElldowney pushed him over the edge of a slight declivity. Mr. McElldowney rolled down this and gained a little, scrambling to his feet before the bull could charge again. He jumped behind the tree and played peek-a-boo with the bull with the tree as his sole protection until a farm-hand came to his aid and succeeded in capturing the bull.

Mr. McElldowney sustained fractures of three ribs and was considerably bruised. He received medical attention at the Brownsville general hospital.

Mr. McElldowney is a brother of Mrs. James Dawson of Prospect avenue, and Mrs. A. Poundstone of Meadow avenue. Mrs. Dawson went today to his home, knowing nothing of the occurrence until she saw this morning's papers.

Stephen Kadlec
Stephen Kadlec, Jr., infant son of the late Stephen Kadlec of 911 Lincoln avenue died Tuesday morning. The funeral was held this morning, with interment in Calvary cemetery.

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Highway Estimates Made in Preparation for Expense List

SEEK COMPLETION OF HOME

Fifty Thousand Dollars More Needed—May Mean Increase of Millage—Commissioners Planning to Fix The Tax Levy

In contemplation of the county budget for 1917 and the fixing of the tax levy, the county commissioners have made a request of County Controller T. J. Underwood that he include in his annual estimate of expenses \$290,000 for road maintenance etc. Evidently the commissioners have in view extensive road improvement during the coming months.

The estimated amount needed includes not only money for road work, but for bridge work and for completing the improvements at the County home. The commissioners also figure on buying road improvement equipment.

The controller will consider the question carefully, for with the increased salaries that have been granted, and other expenses that loom up for the coming year, there are indications that the county millage will have to be greatly increased.

Relative to road and bridge work the estimates, as figured for the coming year, are as follows:

Road maintenance, including the

\$100,000. The amount spent under this head in 1916 was \$43,132.29.

Painting bridges, including the

joint county bridge at Monongahela, \$10,000. No bridges were painted in 1916.

New bridges, \$30,000. No new bridges were built last year.

Bridge repairs other than painting \$15,000. The amount spent under this head in 1916 was \$20,950.95.

Deficit in road contracts, \$70,000. The deficit in road contracts in 1916 was about \$40,000.

Special County home, finishing of building and furnishings, \$50,000. The building at the County home cost \$15,349.72 in 1916. It was understood that a total of not more than \$50,000 was to be spent on this addition.

Donora bridge, reflooring, \$15,000. Nothing was spent on this bridge in 1916.

The total amount spent under the above headings in 1916 was \$119,432.96, or \$170,567.04 less than the commissioners say will be required for 1917.

However, no painting was done last year nor was the Donora bridge refloored. This together with the \$70,000 deficit in road contracts asked for would make \$95,000 more necessary than last year.

The county commissioners have also asked the controller to advertise for bids on the following road equipment to be delivered in Washington April 1, 1917: One ten-ton, three-wheel steam roller, complete with cab, curtains and belt wheel with necessary connections; one car unloader with 15 to 20 ton portable bin; one road grader with steering device, weighing from one and one-half to two tons; one, one-ton auto truck, with worm drive, suitable for bridge painting outfit; one five passenger automobile for the engineering department.

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J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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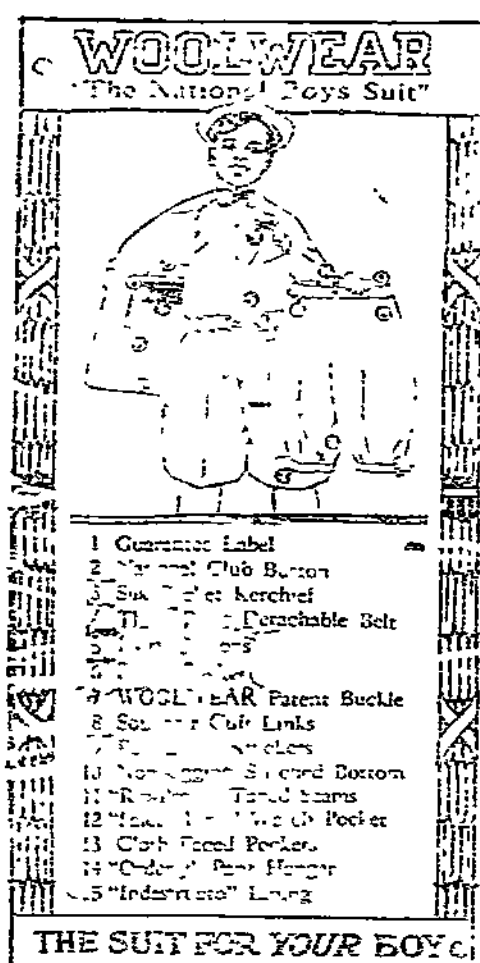
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5.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$3.30
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7.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$5.25
8.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$5.75

Men's and Boys' Hats

Men's Stiff and Soft Hats	
3.00	2.25
2.50	1.75
2.00	1.48
1.50	1.25

Boy's Hats

1.00 Boys' Hats	75c
50c	35c

Men's Suits & Overcoats

10.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 6.75
12.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$ 8.75
15.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$10.75
18.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$13.75
20.00 Suits and Overcoats	\$14.50
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FALLOWFIELD GRANGE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Following is the program for the next meeting of Fallowfield grange, No. 1882 on February 2, it to be a Washington-Lincoln program:
 Address on George Washington, Helen Sphar.
 Selected Reading, Mrs. I. E. Morris.
 Tales of Lincoln, N. T. Carson.
 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Raymond Carson.
 My Impression of Illinois, Abram Carson.
 Topics—Pruning, I. S. Sprowls, J. D. Jones.
 Grafting—A. B. Lutes, Joseph Carson.
 Drill by eleven Grangers.
 The officers of the Grange for the ensuing year are:
 Master, Ray I. Carson.
 Overseer, Raymond Carson.
 Steward, Robert Gregg.
 Assistant Steward, Henry McCracken.
 Lecturer, Hazel Carson.
 Chaplin, Mrs. Smith Colvin.
 Lady Assistant Steward, Myrtle McCracken.
 Gate Keeper, Joseph Carson.
 Treasurer, I. E. Morris.
 Secretary, Abram Carson.

W. D. GRACE RESIGNS FROM CHIEF CLERKSHIP

W. D. Grace, who has been chief clerk for the Monongahela River and Pittsburgh Coal company, at the Catsburg office for a number of years has resigned his position with that concern to take effect at once. He is succeeded by Lester V. Moore, of Belle Vernon. Mr. Grace has not as yet decided on a new position, though he has several in view. He has been connected with the coal companies for fifteen years and has been in charge of the Catsburg office, handling the Black Diamond, Catsburg and Mongah mines.

Alarm Expert Here.

W. R. Loomis, son of the man who installed the Gamwell fire alarm apparatus here, was in Charleroi today making repairs to the apparatus.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS ARE ARRANGED AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Cottage prayer meetings have been arranged as follows by the First Christian church preparatory to special evangelistic services to be started Sunday, January 21:
 January 18—Company No. 1, at home of S. E. Wilson, 116 Fallowfield avenue, leader W. E. McFall; company No. 2, at home of Howard Fields, Lookout avenue, leader Mrs. D. R. Duvall; company No. 3, at the home of H. H. May, McKean near Sixth, leader Mrs. Julia Brutout; company No. 4, at home of W. H. H. Jones, 1010 Tenth street, leader Emil Marandise; company No. 5, at home of A. A. Caseber, North Charleroi, leader J. M. Whitlatch; company No. 6, at home of Hiram Hannen, Maple creek pike, leader J. L. Shannon.
 January 19—Company No. 1, at home of Mrs. Sadie Middleton, 221 McKean, leader Mrs. Winona Rhodes; company No. 2, at home of Mrs. H. H. Hannen, Shady and Fourth, leader Mrs. Howard Fields; company No. 3, at home of Elijah Dainty, Ninth and McKean, leader W. H. Jones; company No. 4 at home of D. R. Duvall, Fifth and Meadow, leader Mrs. James Reid; company No. 5 at home of J. M. Whitlatch North Charleroi, leader S. W. Sharpneck; company No. 6, at home of Charles F. Reed, Maple creek pike, leader Henry J. Carson.

WEST BETHLEHEM MAN BREAKS LEG IN FALL

Henry Hathaway, aged 50 years, prominent farmer and road overseer in West Bethlehem township received an ugly fracture of his left leg in a fall at the Marianna mine. He was working about the tippie when he fell a distance of 15 feet, breaking and crushing the bones near the ankle. He was removed to a hospital for treatment.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and relatives for their words and acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and brother.
 Mrs. James W. Chesure and Surviving Brothers and Sisters.

PERSONALS

D. R. Hormell, who has been suffering from eye trouble went to Pittsburgh Wednesday to take treatment at the Eye and Ear hospital.
 Mrs. John Hormell and son Russell were business visitors in Uniontown Wednesday.
 Mrs. Charles Hurst of Charleroi and sister Mrs. Bertram Stroud of Monongahela were Pittsburgh visitors Tuesday.
 Mrs. L. S. Jack of Washington avenue spent Wednesday in Pittsburgh.
 Mrs. Samuel Gusman and children of California were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chalfant of Washington avenue Tuesday. The Gusman family are moving to Pittsburgh and Mrs. Gusman and children stopped here enroute.
 Lutellus Dawson left for Uniontown Wednesday to be joined by Walter Ritchey on a trip to Florida. They will go direct to Jacksonville, thence to Key West, thence to Cuba and return to spend the winter at Orlando.
 Miss Elizabeth Steinhilber visited at Fayette City Tuesday with her cousin Mrs. Fred Lange.
 W. B. Taylor is visiting with his sister Mrs. W. D. Oller of Washington.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milliken visited at Pittsburgh Wednesday.
 Miss Cecelia McDermott visited with friends at Sewickley Wednesday.
 G. L. Gordon of Monessen was a caller in Charleroi Tuesday.
 Otto Boehme was a business visitor at Claysville Tuesday.
 Miss Clara Wolff of Lincoln avenue visited with relatives at California Wednesday.
 Mrs. George L. West was a Pittsburgh visitor Wednesday.
 Noah Carson visited at Brownsville Wednesday.

DEWDROP CLUB OBSERVES ITS EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

The Dewdrop euchre club of women observed its eight anniversary Tuesday evening at the Turn Verne hall, when a pleasant evening was spent. Four of the original members retain their membership in the club. A meeting is held every Tuesday. The previous Tuesday evening were dancing and instrumental and vocal music. Decorations were elaborate. A lunch was served.

YOUNG CHILDREN START TRIP ALONE ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO MONTANA

To rejoin their mother in far-off Red Lodge, Montana, from where they were separated when their father died and left the family in rather destitute circumstances, Howard and Clyde Moffitt, aged ten and seven years respectively, who until Monday were inmates of the Children's home, left Washington to make their long journey unaccompanied.
 Since placing her little ones under the care of the county, the mother of the two little boys had gone west. She married again, her husband being named Jarrett. A few days ago she wrote to T. C. Luellen, superintendent of the Children's Home sending the money for their passage to Red Lodge and asking that they be sent there.
 Superintendent Luellen started them on their trip almost across the continent Monday night on the 6:44 Pennsylvania train. He tabbed them plainly so that any person or trainman would know where they wanted to go and furthermore asked and secured the promise of the trainmen to see that they were cared for enroute. They will take the Burlington road at Chicago and arrangements for their being safely transferred at that point have been made. This will see them safely to Billings, Mont., as far as Superintendent Luellen could insure their safe passage.
 Mrs. Jarrett has been informed that her boys are enroute and will make arrangements to greet them when they reach Montana. The Moffitt family lived in the Brownsville district until the death of Mr. Moffitt.

COMMISSIONERS ASK

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 The controller stated that all of the above items, together with others that the commissioners have submitted to be placed in his annual budget will bring the tax levy to six mills or more if they are carried out. He has not included them in his budget yet, and what his final action will be is not known. The controller has not stated whether he will advertise for

AN EARLY NAVAL TRIUMPH.

When the Enterprise Literally Shot the Boxer to Pieces.
 The Enterprise, an American twelve gun schooner with a brilliant naval career, was one of the steadily "lucky" vessels. Built in 1799 to deal with the French privateers in the West Indies, she had an extraordinary cruise in 1800. In a six months' run she took eight privateers, some of them much heavier than herself, and aggregated forty-seven guns, besides recapturing four American merchantmen.
 Sent to the Mediterranean to operate against the Barbary pirates, the Enterprise captured a fourteen gun Tripoli after a desperate engagement and later participated in the bombardment of Tripoli. Her finest battle was with the English brig Boxer. Captain Blythe commander, on Sept. 5, 1813, off the Maine coast toward Monhegan island. She then was under command of Lieutenant William Burrows a d carried sixteen guns. The Boxer had fourteen. The crew of each vessel numbered about 100.
 The fight began at 3:20 p. m. and was ended forty minutes later by the Boxer striking her colors. She had been literally cut to pieces in hull, masts, rigging and spars, several of her guns were dismounted, and her boats and quarters were shattered. The Enterprise was almost uninjured, having but one shot in the hull and one in the mainmast. Both commanders were killed. The American loss was two killed and ten wounded; the British, four killed and seventeen wounded.—Exchange.
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the above machinery for the road department and the bond issue of \$125,000 which the commissioners wish to make or not.

The directors of the poor of Washington county have also submitted their estimate of the amount necessary to run the County and Children's homes during the coming year. The total is \$77,500 and the items are as follows: Maintenance of County Home, \$55,000. This is \$15,000 more than was asked last year. Equipment for new hospital, \$5,000; incidentals, \$2,500; maintenance of Children's home, \$15,000.

The budget of the controller will be ready about February 1, or very soon thereafter.

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Two neat appearing young men, 18 to 22 years to travel. Call between 6 and 8 p. m. Mr. Rodgers, Hotel Wellington. 179-42p

WANTED—Old False Teeth. Don't matter if broken. I pay \$1 to \$5 per set. Mail to L. Mazer 2007 S. Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Will send cash by return mail. 180-44-p.

WANTED—A woman 30 to 40 years old to act as permanent housekeeper in a family of three grown persons. Call Bell phone 196-R. Belle Vernon, Pa. 179-43p

FOR RENT—Small store room. Cheap rent. Good location. Apply 428 Fallowfield avenue. 167-ff.

For Rent.
 5 rooms and bath\$20.00
 7 rooms and store room\$30.00
 Union Realty Company
 600 Fallowfield Avenue.
 Both Phones. 178-43

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. If desired apply 526 Washington avenue. 175-ff

FOR SALE—18 room house, lot 56x140. Water and gas. 5 room house, bath hot and cold water, gas and electric light. 4 room house, water, gas and electric light. These houses are all in good locations and at reasonable prices. Inquire E. J. Charles, R. E. Department, Charleroi Savings and Trust Co. 177-ff

FOR SALE—Roll top desk. In first-class shape. Inquire 856 Mail office. 179-44p

LOST—Lady's pocketbook, containing \$5 and some change between First street and Methodist church. Small reward. Return to 856 Mail. 180-41

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ORIGINS OF GAMES.

Tennis is Very Old and Comes From the Greeks and Romans.

Tennis is perhaps the oldest of modern games. It is said to have originated in the ball games of the Greeks and Romans. The racket was introduced during the fifteenth century in France, where the game was very popular, and imported it to England about the same time.

Of the origin of cricket we know but little, though it was probably introduced into the island of England in the thirteenth century and was first called "chaffin" and "hantoune."

Bowling greens and mazes were once plentiful in London, and Henry VIII made an alley at Whitehall. The earliest trace of the game appears in an old print of about six centuries ago.

Few perhaps know that London's famous thoroughfare, Pall Mall, derived its name from an old "Pall Mall" court which stood on the site 200 years ago. This game was a form of croquet.

Golf or "golf" seems to have made its first appearance in the bandy ball of Elizabeth's reign, which was played with a club tipped with horn. Prince Henry, the son of James I, occasionally played at this game, which was very popular among the young noblemen of his day.

Football became such a rage with the London youths of the fourteenth century that a law was passed to prohibit its being played, as archery—then an important branch of education—was becoming thoroughly neglected.—London Mail.

CURIOUS TAXES.

Ways Holland Had of Raising Funds in the Old Days.

The archives of Holland contain ordinances which may well be regarded as curiosities of taxation. In the year 1666 there was a tax imposed on all passengers traveling in Holland by land or water. In 1791 this tax was still in force.

In 1674 a duty of 2½ pence was levied on each person who entered a tavern before noon. Those assembling in a private house after 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of amusing themselves had each to pay a certain sum, and those who entered a place of entertainment were likewise taxed. There was a duty on marriages and deaths. The amount of the tax varied according to the social position of the parties, while in the case of a person buried outside of the district in which he lived the amount payable by his executor was doubled.

But the most curious tax of all was one imposed in 1674 on boots and shoes. In order to prevent the impost from being evaded each of those articles so essential to human comfort had to be conspicuously marked on the upper leather with the stamp of the maker and also with that of the taxing officer. The sum to be paid was regulated by the size of the boot or shoe, so apart from the question of beauty in those days it was a real advantage to have a small foot. It saved expense.—London Mail.

Loans Without Interest.

In the city of Barcelona, Spain, there is a peculiar pawnbroking establishment bearing the quaint name of "Our Lady of Hope," where loans are made without interest to necessitous persons on the deposit of any articles in pledge. Two-thirds of the value of the deposit is at once advanced, and the loan is made for six months and a day, but if at the expiration of that period the depositor should declare himself unable to redeem it after another period of six months the pledges are sold, but if they yield more than the amount advanced the difference is given to the original owner. This institution is very popular. Thousands are every year suitors for the favor thus afforded by "Our Lady of Hope."—Richard Ford, "Gatherings From Spain."

Why Rubber Tires Grow Hot.

When an automobile is running at high speed the rubber tires are rapidly warmed, and the heat sometimes becomes very great, with resultant injury to the rubber. The cause of this accumulation of heat in the tire is ascribed to the kneading of the rubber, which generates heat faster than it can be radiated away. For this reason manufacturers have found it to be an advantage to have metal parts in the tread, such as the ends of rivets, in contact with the tire, because the metal, being a good radiator, helps to carry off the heat to the outer air.

Evolution of Clothes.

Centuries ago, as Sir Walter Scott says in "Ivanhoe," men wore one thickness of clothes, whether of wool, leather or velvet. The shirt was invented, but for a long time was worn only by the nobility and gentry. Then followed the waistcoat, breeches and later on trousers. The overcoat, which succeeded the medieval cloak, was rare until the seventeenth century.

Very Exclusive.

The English class was studying Scott, and the teacher asked some one to explain the meaning of the line, "He is come of high degree." One boy arose and explained readily, "It means his parents were both gentlemen."—Christian Herald.

Sometimes.

"Pop, tell me one thing."
"What is it, my son?"
"Is it the sea of troubles you hear about that they float loans on?"—Baltimore American.

Exactly.

"Do you know Robert Bruce won his way by watching a spider persevere?"
"Great Scott!"—Baltimore American.

FREAK TREES.

Heavy Snowstorms Often Cause Bent and Twisted Trunks.

To the person who is not versed in forest lore the grotesquely bent tree trunks that are to be found in almost all woods are mysterious and wonderful. Often an observer is led to the cause.

Foresters will tell you that in the case of trees in the mountains country and other places where the snowfall is heavy the weight of snow is responsible for the most grotesque of the "freak" trees that are seen.

When a tree is young the weight of snow is not so great as when it is old, but the young tree, ever when it is bent to the ground, sometimes it is bent in such a way that when the snow melts and the tree falls it will fall into its normal position.

The summer sun causes the tip of the young tree to turn upward, and if it manages to withstand the weight of the snow of the next winter that portion of the tree will, as a general rule, continue to grow in a normal way. "Hump" trees and other odd shapes result.

A curious tree stands on the top of Tunnel Hill, Johnston, Pa., about 200 miles from town. It is a sugar maple about 100 years old, which has prolonged its own life by grafting a branch into a much younger tree.—Popular Science Monthly.

VAMPIRE BATS OF PERU.

These Bloodsucking Animals Have Bulldog Heads.

On the morning after our arrival at San Miguel bridge (Peru) the pack mules nearly all showed blood blotches on their withers and backs, where they had been attacked during the night by vampire bats which had fed on their blood. This bat, *Desmodus rotundus*, is plentifully distributed throughout Peru in altitudes below 10,000 feet.

It is one of the most highly specialized species of existing bats. The lower jaw is decidedly undershot, and the head, with its short cropped ears and broad muzzle, has a strikingly bulldog appearance. The legs are well developed and rather heavy, enabling the animal to move fairly rapidly on the ground, in which situation it is by no means the shuffling, helpless creature like many other bats. If molested when thrown to the ground it will turn and bite savagely.

The teeth are a highly modified cutting apparatus for making incisions in the skins of mammals and birds.

In habits they are sociable and are commonly found living in caves or tunnels, suspended from the ceiling in clusters often of immense size.—National Geographic Magazine.

The Food of the Cod.

The cod has the reputation of being an omnivorous as the goat, whose appetite for posters and old tin cans is the subject of frequent jests. The varied nature of what the cod swallows is not more remarkable than the enormous quantity. According to a writer in the Scotsman, such articles as silver brooches, clasp knives, books and rubber balls have been found in its stomach. One fisherman of Aberdeen has a stone that weighs more than a pound, taken from a cod that had swallowed it for the sea anemones with which it was covered. The same fisherman has also found specimens of almost all the stink-eyed crustaceans that frequent the northern coast of Scotland and of every kind of fish that a cod can master, including its own young. Cod have been known to swallow partridges, guillemots and hares.

Alder Dye.

For the purpose of making dyes the common alder appears to have been unnoticed by the pioneers of this country, who made use of so many barks and roots. However, it was well known to the Indians, who used it to good effect. It dyes a reddish color, and down to a few years ago was employed by natives of the northwest Pacific coast in coloring their fish nets. Alder dye, used for the same purpose, is said to be the oldest recorded dye in the world. It is mentioned in the Kalevala of Finland, supposed to date nearly 3,000 years ago.

Good Talker.

"You talk well on the subject in which you are most interested," said the impertinent girl.
"And what is that?" asked the man, scenting a compliment.
"Yourself," said the impertinent girl demurely.—London Answers.

Lots of Turns.

Johnnie—I ain't goin' to school any more. Just because I snickered a little the teacher turned me over to the principal, and the principal turned me over to pa. Mother—Was that all? Johnnie—No; pa just turned me over his knee.—American Boy.

The Eternal Feminine.

"Here I have to go and be bored to death at that horrid Mrs. Jiggers' just on account of my husband's perversity."

"Did he tell you you should go?"
"No; he told me I shouldn't."—Baltimore American.

Universal Language.

Blotbs—Do you think we shall ever have a universal language? Slobbs—We have now, when money talks.—Philadelphia Record.

Rubbing It In.

Bob—Perhaps we had better forget one another! Bess—Oh, I couldn't do that. I have so few things to laugh about.—Puck.

FIRST GRAND OPERA

Peri's "Dafne" Marked the Start of a New Era in Music.

WAS SUNG ONLY IN PRIVATE.

Its Performances Were Confined to the Palace of Corsi, and the Score Is Lost to the World—A First Opera Given in Public Was "Euridice."

There is a world of music so peculiarly Italian that it is today as strange to the ears of most of our people as the music of the East. It is a music that has made extensive studies during the last century, although its origin is very remote. It came through a gradual course of development from almost the beginning of the Christian era. Earliest librettists were such eminent men as Aeschylus and Sophocles, who accompanied their spoken drama with a kind of lyrics and dances.

But grand opera as we understand it today originated about the end of the sixteenth century, when Jacopo Peri's opera "Dafne" was first presented. It originated through the gathering of a small party of music lovers at the home of a Florentine nobleman. These patrons of art set themselves in the spirit of the renaissance to rediscover the music of the Greek drama.

Theories grew into actualities when a performance of "Dafne" was celebrated in the palace of Corsi in 1595. This opera was successfully performed several times, but always in private, and now the score is no longer discoverable.

The public had the privilege of hearing opera five years later, when two settings of "Euridice" were made, one by Peri and the other by Caccini. Both the operas were produced in part during the marriage celebration of Henry IV and Marie de Medici at the Petit palace on Oct. 6, 1600.

Measuring the accomplishments of these enthusiasts with the opera of not many years later, the former must appear ridiculous and very wide of the mark. But here at least was a step in an untrodden path. Opera was now on a basis which admitted of development. Its career had begun.

"Euridice" was the first Italian opera ever performed in public, and the work excited an extraordinary amount of attention. The score was first published in Florence in 1600 and was dedicated to Marie de Medici, and it was printed in 1605 in Venice, a copy of the latter being well preserved in the library of the British museum.

For fifty years "Euridice" remained the luxury of nobles, being performed only before courts during special festivals. Monteverde added the overture to the Peri opera.

The next important operatic work to be produced was that of Monteverde entitled "Orfeo," which was presented in 1607, and a year later "Arianna." These two operas left Peri and his comrades far in the rear. Work along this line developed slowly until 1637 when the Teatro di San Cassiano was opened at Venice, which was the first public opera house. Now that the masses had a voice in the matter, it soon became evident that the people must be pleased and the Florentine ideals forgotten.

Later in the century the melody of the aria was enriched by two composers named Caralli and Cesti. The opera, by stimulating solo singing and by reviving a taste for the beauties of popular melody, supplies the necessary incentive for the elaborating of sweet sounding and finished melodic themes. Cavalli was a tireless worker, and he produced close to forty different operas, none of which has survived.

Scarlatti, who followed, was another tireless worker, his first opera having been produced in Rome in 1679, after which he brought out more than sixty others. From that period to the present day the Italian composer has held his place with the greatest of any countries and has produced more operas than all the other countries combined.

The earliest operas in France were composed by Lully at the end of the seventeenth century and Rameau at the beginning of the eighteenth century, but they were little more than imitations of the Italian style. The basis of the French opera was laid by Gluck in the latter half of the eighteenth century. Meyerbeer, Rossini, Gounod and Thomas represented the most popular of the successors of Gluck, with the more modern Massenet and Charpentier.

In Germany until the rise of Wagner the opera was marked by little national originality. Mozart was the first opera writer among the German composers. To Weber especially will remain the glory of having first founded a distinct German operatic style.—Washington Post.

One View of Golf.

Many anecdotes are told of some of the curious ideas held about golf by people to whom it was a new and strange game before its modern popularity had set in. One woman who had evidently had a near view of the game said: "It is played by two men. One is a gentleman and the other is a common man. The common man sticks a ball on a lump of dirt, and the gentleman knocks it off."

One of the great lessons of this life is to learn not to do what one likes, but to like what one does.—Hugh Black.

Mark Twain's Prophetic Wish. Astronomy was one of Mark Twain's favorite subjects. Neither of us had any real knowledge of the matter, which made its great facts all the more thrilling. The thought that the nearest fixed star was 25,000,000,000 miles away—one-fourth million times the distance to our own remote sun—gave him a sort of splendid thrill. He would figure out these great measurements of space, covering sheets of paper with his sums, but he was not a good mathematician, and the answers were generally wrong. Comets in particular interested him, and one day he said:

"I came in with Halley's comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's comet."

He looked so strong and full of color and vitality one could not believe that his words held a prophecy.—"The Boy's Life of Mark Twain," by Albert Bigelow Paine, in St. Nicholas.

Extinction of the Buffalo. Speaking of the extinction of the buffalo, the director of the New York zoological park said:

"It is by no means true that the extermination of the buffalo is due mostly to the encroachment of human beings on their feeding grounds rather than to their wholesale slaughter. The great bison herds of the plains, from Saskatchewan to Texas, were all of them exterminated by systematic robe hunting, hide hunting in summer, killing for tongues and slaughter for all other excuses imaginable. This occurred long before any of their ranges were wanted by man either for cattle grazing or for agriculture. The legitimate industries of man played no part whatever in the extermination of the bison, either west or east. The slaughter was systematic and deliberate and far in advance of the agriculturist and the stock grower."—New York Times.

Why Spiders Fight.

When two spiders fight there is generally a good reason for the attack and the vigorous defense that follows. It is not generally known that after a certain time spiders become incapable of spinning a web from lack of material. The glutinous excretion from which the slender threads are spun is limited; therefore spiders cannot keep on constructing new snares when the old ones are destroyed. But they can avail themselves of the web producing powers of their younger neighbors, and this they do without scruple. As soon as a spider's web constructing material has become exhausted and its last web destroyed it sets out in search of another home, and unless it should chance to find one that is tenanted by a battle-weary spider, which ends only with the retreat or death of the invader or defender.

How to Make Use of Vermin.

In Paris, says a writer in the New York Sun, rats are made to serve a useful commercial purpose. When the animals are caught they are put into a deep walled pit and fed regularly. Once a month there is a general execution, accomplished in a scientific manner by means of gas. By that time the rats are sleek and plump, and their hides are in excellent condition. The hides are removed and treated and eventually are made into "kid" gloves. It has also been found that the skins can be used for bookbinding and in the manufacture of photograph frames.

Inherited Idea.

"How the financier's little son is enjoying himself in the country!"
"True to instinct, his amusement is strictly in the financial line."
"How is that?"

"Don't you see how he is now planning a run on a bank?"—Baltimore American.

Scared Him.

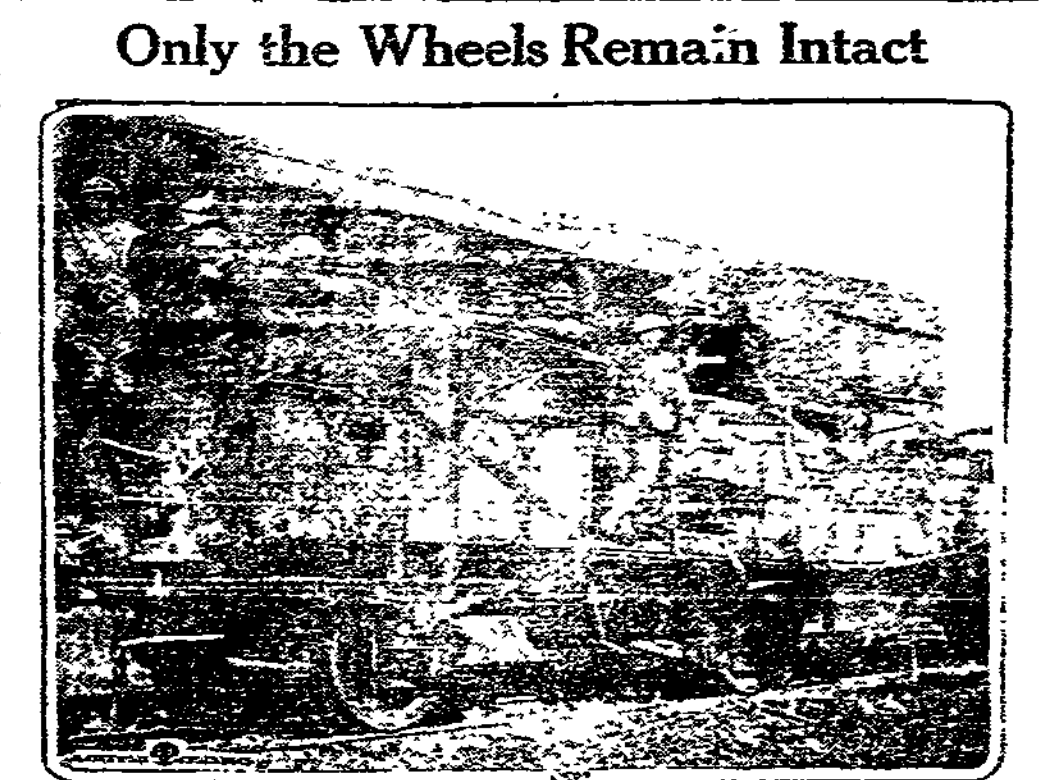
Tom—I wonder why Harry broke his engagement with Miss Peckem. Jack—According to my information, her father offered to lend him money enough to get married on.—Indianapolis Star.

Couldn't Be Much Oftener.

He—You only kiss me now when you want money. She—Good gracious, John, isn't that often enough?—Stray Stories.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Sleep is Important.
The average healthy adult requires at least eight hours of sleep in the twenty-four to keep in the best condition. Perhaps you are one of the exceptions that have managed to get along on five or six hours for years and seem to thrive on it.
If so you are an exception, for most people would "run down" on that amount of sleep. Every day workers should make it a point to be in bed by 10 o'clock at least five nights in the week.
The bedroom should be quiet and well ventilated. Never permit yourself to "sleep cold." This does not mean, however, that you should pile on covers until you are weighed down with them, as this will only disturb your sleep and make it restless.
The bed, if possible, should be in that part of the room where a draft will not blow over you.
A hard mattress is better for health than a soft one, and a feather bed should not be in any modern home.



Only the Wheels Remain Intact. A shot riddled car in which a score of brave British Tommies rode valiantly through the enemy fire. The car shows the effect of the terrific bombardment. It appears that if some young Hercules should take hold and shake it that it would fall apart. In order to carry out an order the soldiers had to make a hurried journey to a certain point that the censors have deleted. Their mission accomplished they are now all smiles.

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